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22. On October 16, 2000, the Commission granted precautionary measures and requested that the Colombian State take steps to protect the life and physical integrity of the management and workers at the Regional Committee for the Protection of Human Rights in Magdalena Medio (CREDHOS), headquartered in Barrancabermeja. According to available information, a course entitled “Forum for life and human rights” was held in Barrancabermeja, with State representatives and human rights defenders. Copies of a “condolence card” from Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia (AUC) were found there, making death threats against members of the organization. The Commission also requested that the State report on measures taken to (a) shed light on the serious complaints of law enforcement’s tolerance or sponsorship of paramilitary groups stationed in Barrancabermeja and Yondó; and (b) guarantee that law enforcement complies with its legal functions and does not tolerate or sponsor paramilitary groups operating in the area. Following the State’s reply, the parties continued to present information and observations on these precautionary measures.